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SUBJECT: "MARKETING IN SWAZILAND" OBR

COMMERCE HAS BEGUN DRAFTING FIRST OVERSEAS BUSINESS REPORT
ON SWAZILAND. IT WILL BE IN THE "MARKETING IN" SERIES.

NIDCS NOTES HAVE BEEN MOST HELPFUL. HOWEVER, INFORMATION
ON HAND UNABLE TO ANSWER FOLLOWING QUESTIONS THUS FAR:

(1) HAS SWAZILAND COMPLETED ITS CONVERSION TO THE METRIC
SYSTEM? MUST GOODS CARRY ONLY METRIC MEASURES OR MAY
IMPERIAL AND METRIC BOTH APPEAR ON THE GOOD? MUST CERTAIN
COMMODITIES BE SOLD ONLY IN SPECIFIED SIZED PACKAGES
(BOTH BOTSWANA AND SOUTH AFRICA HAVE NUMEROUS PROVISIONS
IN THIS CATEGORY)?

(2) NIDCS NOTES UNCLEAR AS TO WHICH GOODS HAVE SALES
AND EXCISE TAXES. IS EACH TYPE OF TAX APPLIED TO THE SAME
RANGE OF GOODS AS THE CORRESPONDING SOUTH AFRICAN TAX
APPLIES?

(3) WHAT IS THE PRICE OF THE IMPORT PERMIT?

(4) ARE THERE ANY BONDED WAREHOUSES IN SWAZILAND? WHAT
ARE THE APPLICABLE REGULATIONS AND CHARGES FOR THEIR USE?

(5) IS THERE ANY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - LOCAL OR NATION-
WIDE? KISSINGER

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